(c) whether the National Commission has recommended the recreation of these posts; and

(d) if not, the reasons for their recreation and disregard shown to Commission's advice for recreation of more middle level staff?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 31 vacant posts were abolished in the erstwhile National Commission for SCs & STs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Two posts of Special Commissioners for SCs & STs alongwith their personal staff have been continued uptil 30-9-92 to assist the reconstituted National Commission for SCs & STs in organising its work at this formative stage.

In addition 103 posts at headquarters and 200 posts in the field offices have been provided to the National Commission for carrying out its functions.

More jobs for disabled persons

1636. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create more jobs for disabled persons during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith amount fixed for this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) No specific proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Recruitment will continue for 3% vacancies reserved for the physically handicapped—1% each for the visually, hearing and orthopaedically handicapped in Group C & D Civil posts/services in Central Government and comparable posts/services in Central public undertakings. 23 Special Employment Exchanges and 55 Special Cells in normal Employment Exchanges have been setup in the country for placing handicapped persons in gainfull employment. In addition 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for Physically Handicapped have been set up for placing handicapped persons in gainful employment/self-employment. These Vocational Rehabilitation Centres are under administrative and financial control of Ministry of Labour.

Loan from N.S.F.D.C. to non-SC/ST people

1637. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Agrocard Private Limited has been sanctioned loan from IREDA on the recommendation of National SC/ST Financing and Development Corporation;

(b) whether it is a fact that N.S.F.D.C. is recommending cases of non-SC/ST people also, thus depriving genuine SC/ST applicants:

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) the names of non-SC/ST people who got the loan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) IREDA has sanctioned a term loan to M/s Agrocard Private Limited on their own.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Achievements of welfare schemes

1638. SHRI CHANDRA MOHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the welfare schemes for which funds have been allotted by Government in 1991-92;

(b) what percentage of the schemes is borne by the Central Government and what is the amount released for each of the schemes; and